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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS

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1. PF'S POSITION ON ROLE OF OTHER NATIONALISTS IN NEGOTIATIONS EXPRESSED IN CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY IS SOMEWHAT
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MORE NUANCED THAN INDICATED IN TALKING POINT 2B OF REFTEL
A. PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 7 OF REFTEL B, WHICH YOU MAY DRAW
UPON, GIVE A FULLER PICTURE OF THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE
ROLE OF OTHER NATIONALISTS IN POSSIBLE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. FYI. IT IS ALSO APPARENT THAT WHEN PF SPEAKS OF

"MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS" THEY ARE IMPLICITLY REFERRING TO ALL TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND TO THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION OF EXERCISE OF POWER DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD, THUS IN EFFECT, EXCLUDING OTHER NATIONALISTS FROM NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL TRANSITIONAL ISSUES. THEIR CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY REVEALED NO ADVANCEMENT FROM THEIR STANCE AT MALTA IN WHICH THEY DEMANDED A PREDOMINANT ROLE FOR THEMSELVES DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD. END FYI. VANCE

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